



Docket VCOR-001/10US

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For: CALL CONTROL IN VIDEO CONFERENCING

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PETITION FOR ACCELERATED EXAMINATION (MPEP 708.02 (VIII))

This is a Petition for Accelerated Examination in the terms of MPEP 708.02 (VIII).

CLAIMS

All the claims in this application are directed to a single invention. Independent apparatus claim 2 is selected from Group VIII defined by the Examiner's restriction requirement in parent application 08/131,523. Independent claim 23 is a method claim relating to claim 2. All other claims are dependent.

If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, applicants will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

SEARCH

A search has been made by a foreign patent office -- the USPTO as IPEA in corresponding application PCT/US94/02961.

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The field of search included:

International classes H04N 7/15; H04M 3/35 and H04L 12/18; and U.S. classes 395/154; 200.04; 364/514C and 345/115.

COPY OF REFERENCES

A copy of this Rangan reference deemed, by the USPTO as IPEA, most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims has been submitted previously.

DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE REFERENCES

The only relevant reference cited by the USPTO as IPEA was IEEE JOURNAL OF SELECTED AREAS IN COMMUNICATION, 09 DECEMBER 1991, Rangan et al. "Software Architecture for Integration of Video Services in the Etherphone system", see entire document. (Ragan)

A detailed discussion of the reference particularly pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the reference follows:

The IPEA relied on the Rangan reference to support its contention that the invention claimed in this PCT application lacks an inventive step. The IPEA commented as follows:

"Rangan teaches adding participant ['p. 1401 col. 1 2nd paragraph ... The caller of a conference can add or delete recipients...']" (Written Opinion, sheet 10, commenting on claim 46.)

The IPEA also commented:

"Rangan et al. teaches call acceptance [pp. 1398-1400]." (International Preliminary Examination Report, sheet 10, commenting on claim 35).

Applicants responds as follows:

The independent claims in this application correspond to a large degree to claim 46 of PCT/US94/02961 as filed. This claim 46 was renumbered as claim 35 in response to the Written Opinion.

The independent claims in this application are directed at the notion of detecting and adding an *incoming call* to an *existing* conference call. This is not the same as Rangan's participant, in an existing call, who selects a further participant, initiates a call to that further participant and then adds that participant to the conference. Rather, the functionality claimed in this application is directed to a participant responding to an *incoming call*, *not initiated* by a participant in the conference, by adding the incoming call to the conference.

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This is not taught by Rangan. Accordingly, Applicants believe the claims are patentable and asks that this petition be granted.

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